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SUBJ: TRAVEL OF ROK DIRECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE LABOR AFFAIRS

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1. DIRECTOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF LABOR AFFAIRS (OLA),
CHOI DOO-YUL WILL ATTEND 59TH ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA
AS OBSERVER. CHOI ALSO PLANS VISIT GERMANY TO LOOK
INTO CONDITION OF KOREAN WORKERS (NURSES AND MINERS).

2. DIRECTOR GENERAL WISHES TO VISIT WASHINGTON AND
HONOLULU AFTER CONFERENCE. OLA HAS REQUESTED DEPT
ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CALLS IN U.S. CHOI WILL BE IN
WASHINGTON FROM JUNE 24 UNTIL JUNE 27; HE WOULD LIKE
TO SEE, IF POSSIBLE, SECRETARY OF LABOR, AND AFL/CIO
PRESIDENT MEANY, AS WELL AS APPROPRIATE STATE DEPT
OFFICIALS. WHILE CHOI IS TOP RANKING LABOR OFFICIAL
IN GOVERNMENT, HE IS NOT OF CABINET RANK. A FORMER POLICE
OFFICIAL HE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR POLICE BUREAU,
MINISTRY HOME AFFAIRS (1969) AND MAYOR OF PUSAN
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(1970-71). WE DO NOT BELIEVE CALL ON SECRETARY OF

LABOR NECESSARY; VISITS WITH OTHER SENIOR DEPT
OF LABOR AND STATE OFFICIALS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

3. CHOI WILL BE IN HONOLULU FROM JUNE 27 TO JUNE 30,
WHERE HE WISHES TO MEET WITH SPECIALISTS IN INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS AT EAST WEST CENTER.

4. OLA OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT TRIP TO GENEVA
IS PART OF ATTEMPT TO JOIN ILO BEFORE NORTH KOREA.
VISIT TO U.S. IS FOR GENERAL ORIENTATION TO U.S.
LABOR SYSTEM.

5. CHOI WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MR. PARK YOUNG-DONG,
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS SECTION CHIEF, OLA, WHO HAD
DESIRED TO ATTEND SPRING 1974 INTERNATIONAL MANPOWER
SEMINAR (REFTEL).

6. REQUEST DEPT COORDINATE WITH ROK EMBASSY IN ARRANGING
SCHEDULE DIRECTOR GENERAL CHOI. CHOI WILL CABLE FIRM
ARRIVAL TIMES TO ROK EMBASSY FROM GENEVA OR BONN.
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